rectified before the registry was proceeded with. The Member prayed that, where a land was in the occupation of any person, it should invariably be registered in his name. In regard to *tharavila*, he suggested that a maximum rate be fixed for the lands in different parts of the State, as that alone would put a stop to the vagaries of the Revenue officers.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

4. Desirability of reducing the *tharavila* for *puduval* lands and of fixing a maximum rate for the same.

Mr. C. Y. Ramakrishna Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Parur) represented that, in the absence of a maximum rate of *tharavila* for *puduval* lands, the Revenue authorities had absolute power to fix any rate they pleased. That caused very great hardship and loss to the poor ryots.

The inaccuracies of the recent survey brought additional troubles in their train. Portions of their registered holdings on which trees of over 60 years of age were standing and which had been in their enjoyment for a very long time were being treated as *poramboke* and the occupants were fined for encroachment and evicted therefrom. In view to avoid the trouble and expense of costly litigation against the Government, the occupants oftentimes paid the high rates of *tharavila* fixed by the Revenue officials. The Member, therefore, prayed that a maximum rate of *tharavila* be fixed for *puduval* lands as being the only solution of the difficulty.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

5. Desirability of excluding from Reserves, and bringing under registry, all swampy areas adjoining habitations or lands permanently cultivated.

Mr. P. Narayana Pillai (Member, Pattanapuram taluk) said that, with a view to increase the area under wet cultivation in the State, the under-mentioned blocks of land in the reserves which were fit for paddy cultivation should be disafforested and thrown open for registry:—

1. Nedumpacha, Anapatta-Konkal and Iratta Kalunkupacha in the Arienkavu Reserve;

2. Karimpanachal in the Ayiranallur Reserve;

3. Kadumakode, Kazhaviyodu, Mathandankarapacha, Ezhamkulampacha and Kalyani Karikam in the Yerur Reserve; and

4. Peruvukuzhi in the Shaliakara Reserve.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

6. Desirability of excluding from Reserves, and bringing under registry, all grass lands and swampy areas, for the extension of paddy cultivation.

Mr. Kochukora Ittiavira (Member, Chengannur taluk) said that, with the abolition of *malavarom* cultivation in the State, the people of Chengannur taluk and more especially those inhabiting the Rani and Kumbazha *pakuthies* experienced very great difficulties in finding a means of living. He suggested that the extensive *eata* forests and swampy lands available in many of the reserved forests be granted to the people of the taluk at least for cultivation, if they could not be given on permanent registry. It was to be expected that the forest officers would object to the proposal, but their objections should be disregarded and the lands granted for cultivation in the interests alike of the people and of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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